

REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended include the priority application.

Claims 1-20 are pending herein. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 6-8 to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added.

The Abstract has been replaced with a new Abstract to meet the U.S. PTO guidelines. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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